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Re App : Paul S. Hepworth : September 15, 2004  
S.N. : 10/648,728  
Filed : August 19, 2003 : Art Unit 3679  
For : A FIXING PLUG

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice to File  
Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 30, 2004.

Attached is the Declaration for the above-entitled case and a  
check for \$130.00. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of  
Nonprovisional Application is also enclosed.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

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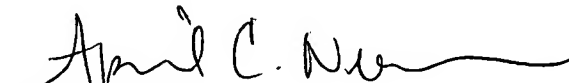
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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated July 30, 2004; Supplemental Declaration, Power of Attorney, and Petition; a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; check for \$130.00 and return receipt postcard, in application Serial No. 10/648,728, filed on August 19, 2003, of Paul S. Hepworth entitled "A FIXING PLUG" is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, postage prepaid, on September 15, 2004.

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